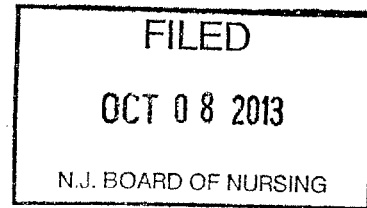


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| IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION : | Administrative Action |
| OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF : | |
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| THOMAS RYANS, R.N. : | ORDER OF SUSPENSION |
| LICENSE # NR 13773500 : | OF LICENSE |
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| TO PRACTICE AS A : | |
| REGISTERED NURSE (R.N.) IN THE : | |
| STATE OF NEW JERSEY : | |

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing (" Board") upon the receipt of information indicating the following;

1. Respondent, Thoms Ryans, is the holder of License No. NR13773500 and is a registered nurse in the State of New Jersey.
2. Respondent entered into a private letter agreement with

the Board, which he signed on or about April 26, 2013. (Exhibit A) The agreement required respondent to enroll in the Recovery and Monitoring Program of New Jersey (RAMP), undergo evaluation and monitoring, agree to follow recommendations by RAMP for further treatment, and to refrain from the use of any and all potentially addictive substances. (Exhibit A, ¶¶2, 6, and 10.) The agreement was to have the force and effect of a Board Order within the intendment of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.4. In the event that the Board received reliable information that respondent had acted in violation of the RAMP contract and/or the agreement, the agreement was no longer to remain confidential.

3. RAMP advised the Board that respondent was noncompliant with his RAMP contract. (Exhibit B)

4. On or about September 17, 2013, a letter issued by overnight and regular mail to respondent at his address of record, advising respondent that the Board had received credible information indicating that he was not in compliance with the private letter agreement, and advising him to forward within five days any proof that he was currently in compliance with RAMP. The overnight mailing was delivered on September 18, 2013.

(Exhibit C) The regular mailing was not returned. No response has been received to date.

5. The private letter agreement signed by respondent provided for automatic suspension of respondent's nursing license

upon receipt of reliable information indicating that respondent has violated any term of the private letter agreement. (Exhibit A, ¶13)

6. A certification from RAMP's Director dated September 25, 2013 indicates that respondent ceased participation in the RAMP program as of June 12, 2013. He began calling in daily for substance abuse monitoring on June 4, 2013, and last called in on June 12, 2013. Mr. Ryans never submitted to required substance abuse screening, never attended required peer group meetings, and did not respond to efforts on the part of RAMP to contact him. (Exhibit D) This conduct constitutes a violation of the private letter agreement signed by respondent.

IT IS on this 8th day of October, 2013

HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Respondent's license to practice nursing in the State of New Jersey shall be and hereby is suspended for his violation of the private letter agreement, which is deemed a violation of a Board Order within the intendment of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.4 and N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e).

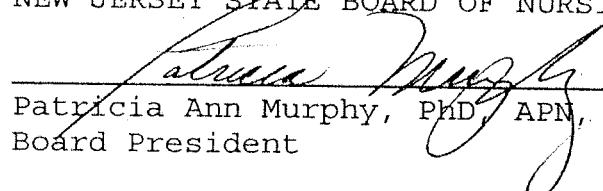
2. Respondent may, under the terms of the private letter agreement, upon notice, request a hearing on the sole issue of whether respondent has failed to comply with the terms of the private letter agreement.

3. In the event that respondent seeks reinstatement of his

New Jersey nursing license at any future time, the Board shall not entertain any application for reinstatement without respondent's demonstrating that he is in full compliance with the terms and conditions of the private letter agreement and with any agreement with RAMP.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:


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